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G0289 COVERAGE – SURGICAL KNEE ARTHROSCOPY, 29874 AND 29877

The National Correct Coding Initiative (NCCI) policy denies Current Procedural Terminology (CPT) Codes 29874 and 29877, surgical knee arthroscopy procedures, when billed with other knee arthroscopy codes (29866-29889). For dates of service on or after July 1, 2010, the MO HealthNet Division (MHD) will cover Health Care Procedure Coding System (HCPCS) G0289 (Arthroscopy, knee, surgical, for removal of loose body, foreign body, debridement/shaving of articular cartilage at the time of other surgical knee arthroscopy in a different compartment of the same knee).

Procedure code G0289 can be billed when more than one compartment of the same knee are done at the same time. The code should not be reported if the reason for performing the procedure is due to a problem caused by the arthroscopic procedure itself. Please refer to the NCCI website if more information is needed, <http://www.cms.gov/NationalCorrectCodInitEd/>.

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MO HealthNet Managed Care: The information contained in this bulletin applies to coverage for:

- MO HealthNet Fee-for-Service
- Services not included in MO HealthNet Managed Care

Questions regarding MO HealthNet Managed Care benefits should be directed to the patient's MO HealthNet Managed Care health plan. Before delivering a service, please check the patient's eligibility status by swiping the red MO HealthNet card or by calling the Interactive Voice Response (IVR) System at 573-751-2896 and using Option One for the red or white card.

Provider Communications Hotline
573-751-2896